

## The Bottom Line

ASSISTANT

People think it's filthy today.

GOP OPERATOR

Natures of beasts. But not the bad old days by any measure.  
Beanbag today, really.

ASSISTANT

People don't see the professionalism. Attorneys, accountants,  
and good, sharp, solid managers.

GOP OPERATOR

Well-run campaigns, I'll give you that. Governance though, to be  
frank, turns out grossly incompetent. Hacks are brutal!

ASSISTANT

Dems'll kill us next time on that.

GOP OPERATOR

Oh I don't know. As in Vegas, you just have to control the  
counting room.